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REMARKS

The applicant, Charles Finn, and the attorney, John E. Wagner, and Attorney Hayden Carney are sincerely appreciative of the thorough attention given by the Examiner, Mr. Duong, and his Supervisor, Mr. Glenn Caldarola, in the interview held on October 27, 2004.

After a thorough discussion in the Interview of the prior art, in particularly Paquette (5,308,069), the single reference upon which all claims were rejected, the agreement was reached to allow all claims, namely, 1-7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34, and 36-49, subject to the slight amendment to claim 38 to add the terms "unsupported at its ends with respect to the weight member" at its last line. Claim 38 is so amended.

This amendment cancels the withdrawn claims 8, 12, 16, 19, 25, and 28-32 which are the only impediment to prompt allowance of this application. These are the claims drawn to the concealed weight of Figs. 9-11 that were withdrawn after a restriction requirement was imposed by the Examiner as directed to the non-elected species. The cancelled claims are to be the subject of the filing of a divisional application thereof.

Minor housekeeping amendment to claim 5, line 1, to insert the word "said" before "support" and in claim 20 to cancel an extraneous underline have been made. Neither affects the scope or content of the claims.

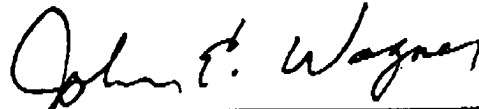
In order to expedite this application, particularly in view of its long prosecution

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and the health of the inventor, all the withdrawn claims directed to the concealed weight version of Figs. 9-11, namely, claims 8, 16, 19, 25, and 28-32 have been cancelled are the subject of a divisional patent application which may well be filed before this amendment is reviewed.

A prompt issuance of allowance of the claims 1-7, 9, 20, 14, 15, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34, and 36-47 and passing this application to issue is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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